

(1) 1 assistant attorney general; and

(2) any additional number of assistant attorneys general authorized by law to be assigned to the Department.

(c) (1) The Attorney General shall designate 1 of the assistant attorneys general assigned to the Department as counsel to the Department. After the Attorney General designates the counsel to the Department, the Attorney General may not reassign the counsel without consulting the Secretary.

(2) The counsel may have no duty other than to give the legal aid, advice, and counsel required by the Secretary or any other official of the Department, to supervise the other assistant attorneys general assigned to the Department, and to perform for the Department the duties that the Attorney General assigns. The counsel shall perform these duties subject to the control and supervision of the Attorney General.]

Subtitle 3. General Authority and Responsibilities
of [Department] OFFICE

5-301.

(a) The [Department] OFFICE is the staff agency of the Governor for planning matters WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CAPITAL FACILITIES PLANNING.

(b) The [Department] OFFICE is the principal staff agency for planning matters concerning the resources and development of the State. In this capacity, the [Department] OFFICE shall undertake special studies, submit reports, and give advice to the Governor at the request of the Governor.

5-302.

The [Department] OFFICE shall function in part as an advisory, consultative, and coordinating agency.

5-303.

To promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the State, the [Department] OFFICE shall prepare, recommend, and periodically revise a balanced, integrated program for the development and effective use of the natural and other resources of the State.

5-304.

The [Department] OFFICE may accept funds, grants, and services from public and private sources to carry out its powers and duties.